

## Newsletter Announcement

**Take the Northeast State Electronics Challenge and Turn Your Computer Green**  
State, regional, and local governments are invited to participate in an innovative new program targeting computers and other electronic devices that will lead to significant savings in energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and solid waste generation.

The State Electronics Challenge (SEC) – Northeast Pilot challenges you to become a Partner and change the way you purchase, use, and manage electronics at their end-of-life. The SEC will provide you with the tools and resources necessary to make these changes. The end result will be owning electronic devices that contain fewer toxins; energy and cost savings; and recycling equipment in an environmentally sound manner. For example, it is estimated that for every 1,000 ‘green’ computers purchased and recycled, you can:

- Reduce electricity equivalent to the amount of power used by 101 households annually;
- Decrease greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to eliminating 71 passenger cars from the roads per year;
- Avoid municipal solid waste equivalent to the amount generated by 18 households annually;
- Decrease hazardous waste by 17 metric tons; and
- Avoid the use of 340 pounds of toxic materials, including lead and mercury.

Why should government get involved? Collectively, state and local government purchase more than \$35 billion worth of technology equipment annually, and has the opportunity to provide leadership in the environmentally sound and cost-effective management of electronic assets.

Get started on the Challenge by visiting the new SEC web site, [www.StateElectronicsChallenge.net](http://www.StateElectronicsChallenge.net). The web site offers online Partner registration and a myriad of resources to help you turn your computers green.

More on the SEC.....

- **In September, the Governor of New Hampshire committed the state to participating as the first SEC Partner.**
- **In August, the Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Conference, Energy and Environment Committee approved a resolution** commending the SEC and encouraging state, regional, and local governments to become SEC Partners.
- Two **introductory teleconferences** are being offered to provide potential Partners with additional information and an opportunity to ask questions. The calls will take place:

**Thursday, November 8, 10 a.m., and**

**Wednesday, December 5, 1 p.m.**

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In the meantime, a PowerPoint that presents an overview the SEC is available at [http://www.nerc.org/documents/nrc\\_sec.pdf](http://www.nerc.org/documents/nrc_sec.pdf)

- The Northeast Recycling Council, Inc. (NERC), with funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, developed the SEC. Representatives from Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont contributed to its development. The SEC is modeled after the very successful Federal Electronics Challenge.

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